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Montana Livestock Estimates By Counties and Districts – 2004-2006

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The USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office compiles the only annual county estimates for Montana. These county statistics are based on livestock surveys conducted during the fall of 2005 and beginning of 2006. Questionnaires were sent to a sample of farmers and ranchers throughout Montana asking for information on their livestock inventories. About 8,200 questionnaires were tabulated. Thanks to those who participated!

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All Cattle and Beef Cows Inventories by Counties and Districts, January 1, 2004-2006

County and District 1/	All Cattle and Calves				Beef Cows and Heifers That Have Calved			
	2004	2005	2006	Rank	2004	2005	2006	Rank
Deer Lodge	8,800	8,900	8,000	53	6,200	6,500	5,900	53
Flathead	13,900	11,900	12,600	51	7,300	6,600	7,000	51
Granite	21,000	21,300	21,600	42	15,300	15,800	16,300	39
Lake	46,000	44,000	48,000	21	32,000	30,100	32,700	17
Lincoln	2,800	2,900	2,700	55	2,000	1,800	1,800	55
Mineral	900	700	600	56	500	400	400	56
Missoula	8,600	8,700	8,300	52	6,400	6,600	6,100	52
Powell	44,000	41,000	41,000	26	29,900	29,600	28,900	19
Ravalli	35,000	34,000	32,000	33	18,300	18,700	18,200	38
Sanders	18,000	17,600	16,200	46	12,100	12,900	11,700	46
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	**199,000**	**191,000**	**191,000**	**–**	**130,000**	**129,000**	**129,000**	**–**
Blaine	64,000	67,000	71,000	8	43,000	46,000	47,000	5
Chouteau	34,000	34,000	33,000	32	21,800	23,700	21,700	32
Glacier	41,000	43,000	42,000	24	31,000	32,800	30,600	18
Hill	22,500	21,000	25,000	38	16,000	16,200	19,000	35
Liberty	12,700	12,400	12,900	50	8,700	8,800	9,000	49
Phillips	71,000	69,000	68,000	11	47,000	47,000	46,000	6
Pondera	24,000	23,300	28,000	35	15,900	16,600	18,600	37
Teton	51,000	45,000	48,000	21	34,000	25,200	25,100	26
Toole	13,800	13,300	16,100	47	10,600	9,700	11,000	47
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**334,000**	**328,000**	**344,000**	**–**	**228,000**	**226,000**	**228,000**	**–**
Daniels	14,600	14,600	15,800	48	11,700	11,900	12,100	43
Dawson	45,000	39,000	39,000	29	28,100	26,200	27,000	23
Garfield	62,000	61,000	69,000	9	39,000	37,000	45,000	10
McCone	33,000	28,000	27,500	37	22,900	20,300	20,700	34
Richland	59,000	56,000	56,000	15	30,300	26,900	27,900	21
Roosevelt	32,400	31,300	31,700	34	22,800	23,500	22,000	31
Sheridan	28,000	24,100	24,000	39	16,200	17,200	16,300	39
Valley	88,000	86,000	86,000	4	57,000	51,000	51,000	4
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	**362,000**	**340,000**	**349,000**	**–**	**228,000**	**214,000**	**222,000**	**–**
Broadwater	17,300	16,600	17,300	45	11,900	11,400	12,100	43
Cascade	68,000	70,000	69,000	9	44,000	45,000	46,000	6
Fergus	95,000	94,000	104,000	3	67,000	67,000	71,000	2
Golden Valley	13,000	13,200	13,800	49	8,200	8,900	8,700	50
Judith Basin	54,000	58,000	62,000	13	32,000	32,500	32,800	16
Lewis & Clark	40,000	40,000	41,000	26	26,200	26,200	23,500	29
Meagher	48,000	47,000	47,000	23	27,100	27,900	27,000	23
Musselshell	36,600	37,100	39,000	29	22,800	23,000	23,200	30
Petroleum	17,700	18,000	18,000	44	12,800	12,700	12,700	42
Wheatland	26,400	26,100	27,900	36	18,000	17,400	19,000	35
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	**416,000**	**420,000**	**439,000**	**–**	**270,000**	**272,000**	**276,000**	**–**
Beaverhead	133,000	138,000	135,000	1	78,000	79,000	81,000	1
Gallatin	54,000	57,000	62,000	13	22,800	22,700	25,900	25
Jefferson	23,500	22,300	22,900	41	14,800	15,100	15,500	41
Madison	70,000	73,000	76,000	7	45,000	45,000	46,000	6
Silver Bow	5,500	5,700	6,100	54	4,400	4,200	4,600	54
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	**286,000**	**296,000**	**302,000**	**–**	**165,000**	**166,000**	**173,000**	**–**
Big Horn	87,000	90,000	83,000	6	58,000	56,000	54,000	3
Carbon	56,000	57,000	54,000	18	29,600	26,600	25,100	26
Park	42,000	42,000	42,000	24	26,000	26,700	27,500	22
Stillwater	49,000	44,000	49,000	20	28,500	24,200	24,500	28
Sweetgrass	40,000	36,000	40,000	28	27,000	25,300	28,800	20
Treasure	23,000	23,000	23,000	40	9,900	10,200	10,100	48
Yellowstone	128,000	120,000	116,000	2	40,000	34,000	33,000	14
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**425,000**	**412,000**	**407,000**	**–**	**219,000**	**203,000**	**203,000**	**–**
Carter	53,000	53,000	56,000	15	36,000	36,000	37,000	11
Custer	84,000	74,000	67,000	12	46,000	39,000	35,000	13
Fallon	45,000	42,000	51,000	19	29,000	28,000	33,000	14
Powder River	62,000	58,000	56,000	15	41,000	40,000	36,000	12
Prairie	35,000	36,000	35,000	31	20,500	21,000	21,000	33
Rosebud	78,000	81,000	84,000	5	47,000	46,000	46,000	6
Wibaux	21,000	19,000	19,000	43	12,500	12,000	12,000	45
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**378,000**	**363,000**	**368,000**	**–**	**232,000**	**222,000**	**220,000**	**–**
MONTANA	**2,400,000**	**2,350,000**	**2,400,000**	**–**	**1,472,000**	**1,432,000**	**1,451,000**	**–**

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Milk Cows and Sheep Inventories by Counties and Districts, January 1, 2004-2006

County and District 1/	Milk Cows and Heifers That Have Calved				All Sheep and Lambs			
	2004	2005	2006	Rank	2004	2005	2006	Rank
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	1,200	600	500	48
Flathead	900	800	800	6	700	700	600	47
Granite	--	--	--	--	500	--	500	48
Lake	1,000	900	1,300	2	1,600	1,800	1,600	37
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	1,500	1,800	1,700	36
Powell	--	--	--	--	800	800	1,300	41
Ravalli	1,500	1,400	1,300	2	3,800	4,100	3,200	29
Sanders	--	--	--	--	600	600	500	48
Other	400	400	400	--	300	600	100	--
NORTHWEST	**3,800**	**3,500**	**3,800**	**--**	**11,000**	**11,000**	**10,000**	**--**
Blaine	--	--	--	--	11,900	--	9,000	7
Chouteau	--	--	--	--	1,200	1,300	700	44
Glacier	600	600	700	8	700	800	700	44
Hill	--	--	--	--	1,000	1,200	1,100	43
Liberty	600	600	600	10	--	--	--	--
Phillips	--	--	--	--	4,500	5,200	5,600	20
Pondera	600	700	900	5	4,600	5,000	4,800	22
Teton	500	500	700	8	7,200	7,400	4,100	23
Toole	--	500	500	12	1,900	2,100	1,900	34
Other	800	500	500	--	--	10,000	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**3,100**	**3,400**	**3,900**	**--**	**33,000**	**33,000**	**27,900**	**--**
Daniels	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dawson	--	--	--	--	6,400	5,600	7,600	12
Garfield	--	--	--	--	33,000	30,200	30,000	2
McCone	--	--	--	--	6,000	6,000	9,000	7
Richland	--	--	--	--	7,000	7,000	6,900	17
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	4,000	2,500	2,500	32
Sheridan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Valley	--	--	--	--	6,000	3,000	3,500	27
Other	--	--	--	--	1,600	1,700	1,600	--
NORTHEAST	**--**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**64,000**	**56,000**	**61,100**	**--**
Broadwater	--	--	--	--	3,400	--	3,500	27
Cascade	700	700	800	6	9,800	8,000	7,700	11
Fergus	--	500	500	12	6,400	7,400	6,600	18
Golden Valley	--	--	--	--	10,700	12,000	10,600	6
Judith Basin	--	--	--	--	7,500	7,300	7,200	14
Lewis & Clark	--	--	--	--	3,200	--	3,200	29
Meagher	--	--	--	--	4,500	5,000	5,400	21
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	5,900	5,300	5,700	19
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	3,100	2,000	3,100	31
Wheatland	--	600	--	--	15,500	17,000	16,700	3
Other	1,500	700	1,000	--	--	6,000	--	--
CENTRAL	**2,200**	**2,500**	**2,300**	**--**	**70,000**	**70,000**	**69,700**	**--**
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	15,200	16,000	14,900	4
Gallatin	6,700	6,100	6,300	1	4,800	5,000	4,100	23
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	--	800	--	--
Madison	--	--	--	--	5,100	--	7,100	16
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	200	200	200	--	900	7,200	900	--
SOUTHWEST	**6,900**	**6,300**	**6,500**	**--**	**26,000**	**29,000**	**27,000**	**--**
Big Horn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carbon	--	--	--	--	8,200	8,700	8,900	9
Park	--	--	--	--	2,000	2,100	1,800	35
Stillwater	--	--	--	--	5,700	7,000	7,200	14
Sweetgrass	--	--	--	--	8,900	9,900	8,000	10
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	1,000	900	600	10	3,700	3,500	3,700	25
Other	300	200	200	--	1,500	1,800	1,500	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**1,300**	**1,100**	**800**	**--**	**30,000**	**33,000**	**31,100**	**--**
Carter	--	--	--	--	39,600	43,000	39,200	1
Custer	--	--	--	--	5,300	5,600	7,400	13
Fallon	--	--	--	--	2,300	2,500	2,400	33
Powder River	--	--	--	--	11,500	14,200	12,800	5
Prairie	--	--	--	--	3,800	3,800	3,600	26
Rosebud	--	--	--	--	2,000	2,100	1,400	38
Wibaux	--	--	--	--	1,500	1,800	1,400	38
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**--**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**66,000**	**73,000**	**68,200**	**--**
OTHER DISTRICTS	**700**	**1,200**	**1,700**		**--**	**--**	**--**	
MONTANA	**18,000**	**18,000**	**19,000**	**--**	**300,000**	**305,000**	**295,000**	**--**

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Hogs and Chickens Inventories by Counties and/or Districts, December 1, 2003-2005

County and District 1/	Hogs and Pigs				Chickens		
	2003	2004	2005	Rank	2003	2004	2005
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Flathead	1,500	1,400	1,700	20	--	--	--
Granite	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lake	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Powell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ravalli	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sanders	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	700	300	1,400	--	6,500	6,000	2,000
NORTHWEST	**2,200**	**1,700**	**3,100**	**--**	**6,500**	**6,000**	**2,000**
Blaine	6,700	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chouteau	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Glacier	19,000	20,800	17,000	2	--	--	--
Hill	8,000	8,400	--	--	--	--	--
Liberty	15,000	15,900	14,000	6	--	--	--
Phillips	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pondera	20,000	18,000	22,500	1	--	--	--
Teton	14,300	13,100	14,500	5	--	--	--
Toole	16,500	15,700	16,000	4	--	--	--
Other	8,500	13,100	23,000	--	298,000	280,000	286,000
NORTH CENTRAL	**108,000**	**105,000**	**107,000**	**--**	**298,000**	**280,000**	**286,000**
Daniels	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dawson	--	1,400	800	23	--	--	--
Garfield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
McCone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Richland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sheridan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Valley	--	--	500	26	--	--	--
Other	2,500	1,600	1,900	--	3,000	3,000	1,000
NORTHEAST	**2,500**	**3,000**	**3,200**	**--**	**3,000**	**3,000**	**1,000**
Broadwater	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cascade	15,300	16,300	17,000	2	--	--	--
Fergus	--	--	600	25	--	--	--
Golden Valley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judith Basin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lewis & Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Meagher	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wheatland	9,000	9,400	10,500	7	--	--	--
Other	17,700	15,300	15,900	--	149,000	163,000	168,000
CENTRAL	**42,000**	**41,000**	**44,000**	**--**	**149,000**	**163,000**	**168,000**
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gallatin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Madison	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	4,000	4,300	5,300	--	2,500	2,000	3,000
SOUTHWEST	**4,000**	**4,300**	**5,300**	**--**	**2,500**	**2,000**	**3,000**
Big Horn	1,800	1,700	2,000	18	--	--	--
Carbon	800	--	800	23	--	--	--
Park	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stillwater	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetgrass	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	6,400	6,300	6,800	--	23,000	--	19,000
SOUTH CENTRAL	**9,000**	**8,000**	**9,600**	**--**	**23,000**	**--**	**19,000**
Carter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Custer	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fallon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Powder River	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prairie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rosebud	--	--	1,500	21	--	--	--
Wibaux	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	2,300	2,000	1,300	--	3,000	--	1,000
SOUTHEAST	**2,300**	**2,000**	**2,800**	**--**	**3,000**	**--**	**1,000**
OTHER DISTRICTS	**--**	**--**	**--**		**--**	**26,000**	**--**
MONTANA	**170,000**	**165,000**	**175,000**	**--**	**485,000**	**480,000**	**480,000**

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